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### **Fulton County Sheriff's Office Led Evacuation Drill as Part of FIFA World Cup 2026 Preparedness**

**Atlanta, GA-** The Fulton County Sheriff's Office and partner agencies conducted a mass evacuation drill today at the Fulton County Justice Center Complex as part of ongoing public safety and emergency preparedness efforts.

The coordinated exercise was designed to ensure employees, public safety personnel, and partner agencies are familiar with established evacuation procedures and coordinated response protocols.

Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat says "Proactive training exercises like today's evacuation drill are essential to ensuring our personnel and partner agencies are fully prepared to respond quickly, safely, and in a coordinated manner during any emergency situation. As we continue preparing for large-scale events such as the FIFA World Cup 2026, this level of readiness is critical to protecting the community and maintaining public safety across Fulton County."

During the exercise, all individuals within the affected buildings including the Government Center, were directed to evacuate via stairwells and follow established emergency procedures. Special thanks to partnering agencies including Fulton County Police Department, Atlanta Fire & EMS, APD, Georgia State University, Georgia State Patrol and Georgia Department of Public Safety for their collaboration. Upon completion of the drill, an official notification was issued indicating the reopening of the Justice Center Complex. Employees and participants were encouraged to follow instructions from building coordinators and public safety personnel throughout the duration of the exercise.

### **ABOUT FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail, providing security for all courtrooms and judges, and providing warrant service/civil process, special operations, and investigative units. The Sheriff's Office also provides support and educational services to the community as a method of preventing and reducing crime.

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